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Crime is Down in Howard County

New Report Shows Violent Crime, Total Crime Dropped through Third Quarter

A new report released today by the Howard County Police Department shows incidents of crime decreased through the third quarter of this year, January through September. The report compares data through the third quarter of this year to the same time period in 2001.

When compared to the first nine months of last year, the same time period this year saw a significant decrease in violent crime by almost 15 percent. Reports of aggravated assaults dropped dramatically and 80 percent of the cases reported were cleared.

The comparison revealed a significant decrease in property crimes as well. Police handled 209 fewer burglaries through September of this year as compared to the same time period in 2001, a drop of almost 18 percent.

Calls for police service rose to 95,390 during the first nine months of the year, an increase of eight percent over last year. The number of adult arrests rose to 5,134 through September, an increase of almost eight percent over the same time period last year.

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